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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) issued the following statement after a meeting with members of the Pennsylvania Congressional delegation and the Military Affairs Coalition regarding the planned force reduction and closure of the 911th Air Wing.

Congressman Altmire said:

"Today's meeting was about finding solutions. We all recognize that cuts need to be made, but in terms of activity, the 911th Air Wing is one of the most successful, cost-effective bases. The resources provided to the 911th from the surrounding area can't be matched anywhere in the country, and those resources are what allows the 911th to provide valuable services at a greater savings to the taxpayers. I will continue to urge the Department of Defense to postpone any closure of the 911th until a full analysis of the base and its operations can be completed. Closing it now would be premature and ill-advised."

Congressman Altmire joined Pennsylvania Congressional delegation in writing to President Obama asking him to intervene and halt the base closure. To view a copy of the letter, please [click here](#)